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31 educators earn Wisconsin Master Educator licenses

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster commended 31 educators who earned Wisconsin's 10-year Master Educator License in 2007.

"Achieving a master educator license shows true devotion to education," Burmaster said. "These educators are to be commended for their dedication to our schools and students and for their efforts to improve themselves and their profession."

The majority of Wisconsin's 2007 master educators were among the first cadre of Wallace Fellows. They were part of the Wisconsin Urban Schools Leadership Project, funded with a grant from the Wallace Foundation. The mid-career principals worked with the Department of Public Instruction, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, as well as with national consultants, to develop a national model of exemplary urban school leadership and inform state policy regarding the identification of a master urban school leader. They also collaborated on strengthening school learning communities and identifying the fundamental attributes an urban administrator needs to successfully lead a school and support student achievement. Five of the 2007 master educator license recipients earned their credential through the Wisconsin Master Educator Assessment Process.

Educators must develop a portfolio that shows mastery of the state's teacher, pupil services, or administrator standards to earn a master educator license. The portfolio development process takes from one to two years and includes work samples, a video of exemplary practice, student work, and other supporting information that document contributions to the profession and improved student learning. Three assessors in the applicant's field evaluate each master educator license application.

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“Our new master educators were judged to be outstanding by a panel of their peers,” Burmaster noted. “They are highly trained and successful educators who know their subject, know how to have a positive impact on student achievement, and know how to lead an educational organization. They contribute to our efforts to close the achievement gap through our New Wisconsin Promise, which strives to ensure a quality educator in every classroom and strong leader in every school.”

The master educator license is one of three stages for licensure in Wisconsin for professional education. The initial license is a five-year license granted to an individual who has completed an approved educator preparation program. To move to the professional educator level, an initial educator designs and completes a professional development plan that demonstrates increased proficiency in Wisconsin standards for teachers, pupil services professionals, or administrators. The master educator license is a voluntary, 10-year license. Educators must hold a master’s degree and have five years of experience at the professional educator stage of licensure. Any teacher who achieves National Board for Professional Teaching Standards certification may be granted a Wisconsin Master Educator license. The state now has 552 educators who hold licenses at the master educator level.

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NOTE: A list of those earning a Wisconsin Master Educator license in 2007 follows. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_17.pdf. Additional information about the Master Educator Assessment Process and the Master Educator License is available on the Department of Public Instruction website at <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd/wmeapsumm.html>.

Wisconsin Master Educators—2007

Linda Allen, Principal
Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Madison

Lorraine Applewhite, Principal
Congress Elementary School, Milwaukee

Jonathan Bar-Din, Principal
Strange Elementary School, Kenosha

Sandra Brand, Principal
Starbuck Middle School, Racine

Sheila J. Briggs, Principal
Madison Metropolitan School District

Maria Lourdes Castillo, Principal
Vieau Elementary School, Milwaukee

Brian L. Colbert, Principal
Jerstad-Agerhom Middle School, Racine

Kristi Y. Cole, Principal
Humboldt Park Elementary School, Milwaukee

Kathleen J. Costello, Principal
Jackson Elementary School, Green Bay

Edward L. Dorff, Principal
East High School, Green Bay

Cynthia Ellwood, Principal
Hartford Avenue Elementary School, Milwaukee

Bridget J. Hartney, Principal
Sixty-Fifth Street Elementary School, Milwaukee

Edward S. Holmes, Principal
West High School, Madison

Christine Kadow, Principal
Fernwood Montessori School, Milwaukee

Lisa L. KC, Principal
Grant Elementary School, Kenosha

* Carolyn Keeler, Director of Instruction
Fond du Lac School District

Shelley Kritek, Principal
Schulte Elementary School, Sturtevant

Yvette D. Martel, Principal
Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School

Virginia R. McFadden, Principal
Milwaukee French Immersion School

Sharon G. Miller, Principal
McKinley Middle School, Kenosha

Sherilyn M. Moon, Principal
Keller Elementary School, Green Bay

* Stacy Nemetz, School Social Worker
Janesville School District

Rogers Onick, Principal
Morse Middle School, Milwaukee

* Mary Watson Peterson, Reading Specialist
Madison Metropolitan School District

Dawn M. Rice, Principal
Carson Academy of Science, Milwaukee

* Gerald Schwan, School Social Worker
Green Bay Area School District

Nola Starling-Ratliff, Principal
Horlick High School, Racine

Daniel M. Tenuta, Principal
Reuther Central High School, Kenosha

Tammy S. Van Dyke, Principal
Nicolet Elementary School, Green Bay

Martha B. Wheeler-Fair, Principal
Starms Discovery Learning Center, Milwaukee

* Debra Zarling, Reading Specialist
Oshkosh Area School District

* Completed Wisconsin Master Educator Assessment Process to earn master educator license.